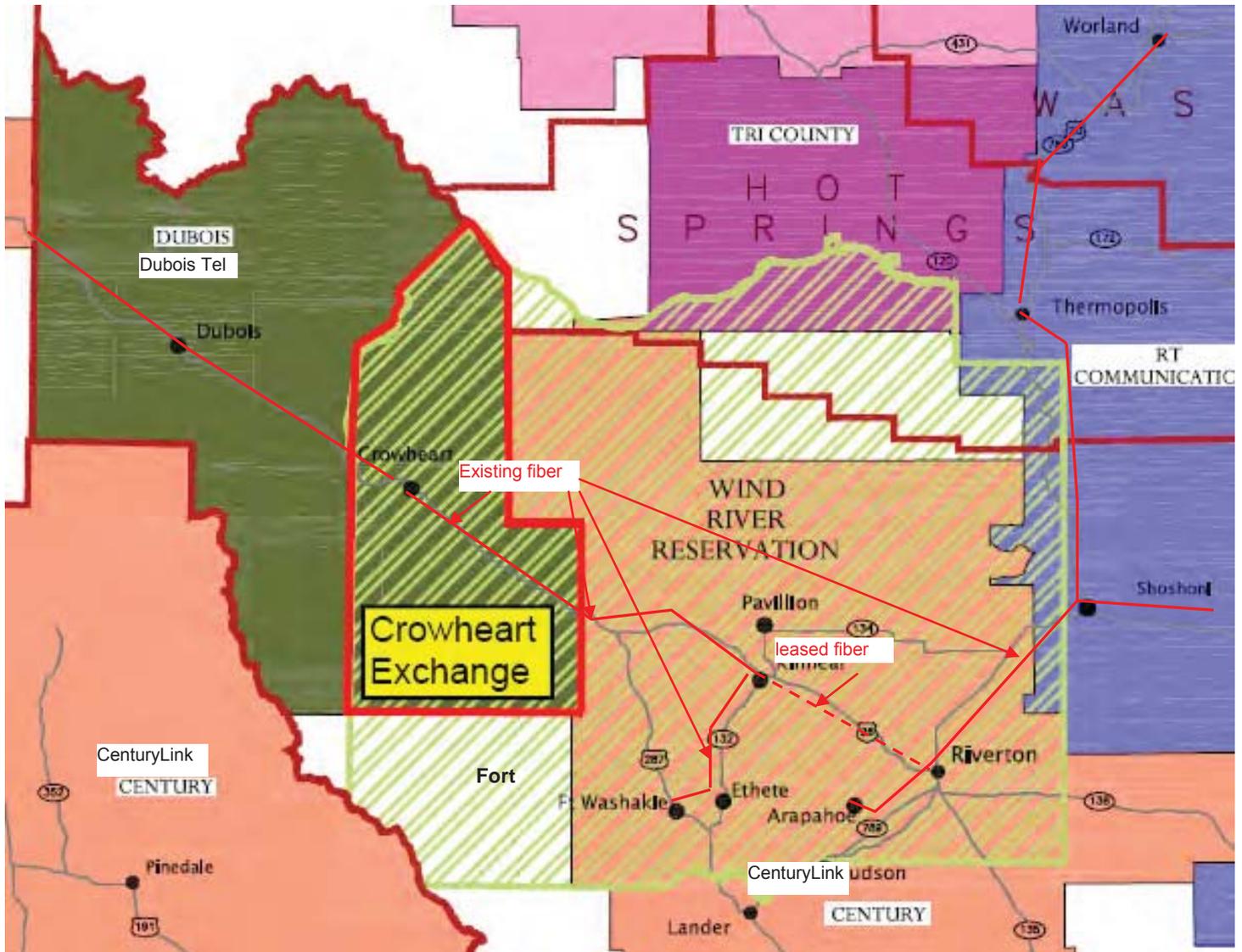


Tribal Engagement Summary 2014-2015

Dubois Telephone Exchange, Inc. (DTE)

The Wind River Reservation (see map below) is approximately 2.2 million acres in size, and is home to the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes. Reservation land categories include a mixture of Tribal Trust, Tribal Allotted, Bureau of Reclamation withdrawal/ceded, and deeded or fee lands owned mostly by non-Tribal residents. Each Tribe has a ½ undivided interest in all Tribal Trust Lands.



Primary Reservation Communities

Fort Washakie. Ft Washakie is home to most Tribal and Federal government entities serving the Reservation, including the ESBC, JBC, BIA, Indian Health Service (IHS) Clinic/Hospital, Ft Washakie School, Tribal DEQ, USFW, Housing Authorities, Law Enforcement, and various Eastern Shoshone Tribal enterprises. Ft Washakie is about 7 miles from the Eastern Shoshone Tribe's Shoshone Rose Casino.

Ethete. Ethete is home to the NABC, the Wind River Tribal College, Little Wind Casino (Northern Arapaho Tribe), Wind River Indian High School, Ethete Middle School, and various Northern Arapaho Tribal enterprises.

Arapahoe. Arapahoe is home to an IHS clinic/hospital extension, Arapahoe School and various Northern Arapaho Tribal enterprises. Arapahoe is about 5 miles from the Northern Arapaho Tribe's Big Wind Casino. (*note: Arapaho are the "people"; and Arapahoe is the "place".*)

Crowheart. Crowheart serves primarily as a gathering place for rural residents living in the far western part of the Reservation.

The communities of **Kinnear, Pavillion and Riverton** are located on ceded Reservation land. Even though they are located within the exterior boundary of the Reservation, they are not subject to Reservation authority. Riverton (pop est 10,000) is the commercial hub of Fremont County. Many Reservation residents do their shopping in Riverton, seek additional medical attention; and due to a shortage of housing elsewhere on the Reservation, seek housing in Riverton.

Dubois Telephone Exchange Reservation Serving Area

Dubois Telephone Exchange, Inc. (DTE) serves the Crowheart Exchange, a small portion of the western part of the Wind River Reservation, (*see map*). The small community of Crowheart is not an incorporated town, but rather a gas station/post office, small grocery store and trading post. Nearby is the small Crowheart Elementary school (enrollment 7), and Big Wind Hall (Eastern Shoshone Tribe), which includes a Senior center, community center and library. Crowheart serves as a community gathering place for area ranches, farms and home sites. Most residents live along Highway 26/287 and rural roads along either side of the highway. The majority of the Reservation in DTE's certificated serving area is undeveloped Tribal Trust range land, forest and wilderness.

DTE serves 109 access lines (88 Res & 21 Bus) in the Crowheart Exchange. This number has remained relatively stable for the last 15 years. There are currently 62 broadband subscribers. The Crowheart Exchange is a mixture of Tribal Trust, Allotted and Deeded (non-Reservation) lands. The population makeup is estimated 40% Native American and 60% non-Native.

The primary anchor institutions important to Tribal residents are the Crowheart Elementary School and the Big Wind Hall. Both locations are connected to Fiber optics and have broadband capabilities in excess of 10mb.

Tribal Engagement Obligations Ongoing

Since the fiber optic infrastructure was lit in 2006, DTE and Advanced Communications Technology (*ACT, the Range Family CLEC*) have continued working with both Tribes to bring Tribal government services and various entities on line. A summary of key institutions and locations to date that have fiber optic connectivity and **broadband service** or have **services pending** include:

Fort Washakie

- Joint Tribal Minerals Management (**broadband service**)
- Joint Business Council Headquarters (**broadband service**)
- Eastern Shoshone Business Council Headquarters (**broadband service**)
- Shoshone Tribal Credit Union (**broadband services pending**)
- Frank B Wise Entrepreneurial Center (**broadband service**)
 - Wind River Development Fund
 - Shoshone Tribal Attorney General
 - UWyo outreach
- IHS Headquarters/Hospital (**broadband service**)
- Shoshone Tribal Clinic (**broadband services pending funding availability**)
- BIA Headquarters (**broadband services pending regional request**)
- BIA Law Enforcement (**broadband services pending request**)
- Wind river Dialysis Center (**broadband services pending**)
- Ft Washakie School/Library (**broadband service**)
- Eastern Shoshone Child Support Services (**broadband service**)
- Hines General Store & Shops (**broadband inquiry**)
- Branch Banking Service (**broadband inquiry**)

Ethete

- Little Wind Casino (**broadband service**)
- Wind River Tribal college (**broadband service**)
- Northern Arapaho Business Council Headquarters (**broadband service**)
- Wind River Indian High School (**broadband service**)
- Ethete Middle School (**broadband service**)

Arapahoe

- Arapahoe School (**broadband service**)
- IHS Hospital/Clinic extension (**broadband service**)
- Northern Arapaho Tribal Services (**NATI pending completion of Tribal provided fiber optic facility**)
- St Stephens High School (**broadband service by NATI**)
- NATI (Northern Arapaho Tribal Industries) (**broadband service**)

Crowheart

- Big Wind Hall/Community Center & Library (**broadband service**)
- Crowheart Elementary School (**broadband service**)

Dubois Telephone Exchange, Inc (DTE) Tribal Engagement Record, 2014-2015

Even though DTE's certificated serving area covers only the far western part of the Wind River Indian Reservation, DTE and ACT made a commitment during the fiber project through the Reservation, to assist both Tribes and various entities when they have communications questions anywhere on the Reservation. DTE's General Manager routinely visits with Tribal Leaders, the BIA and others who request meetings to talk about communications issues; or via casual drop-in visits when traveling through the Reservation. DTE Engineering and Construction staff serve as primary Tribal contacts when working with ACT to provide telecommunications and broadband services to Tribal Entities outside DTE's Reservation serving area.

2014-mid 2015 Highlights

Important 2014-2015 Note

On September 9, 2014, the Northern Arapaho Business Council (NABC) sent a letter to Tribal members announcing the dissolution of the Joint Business Council. (see Exhibit I)

On September 29, 2014, the Eastern Shoshone Business Council (ESBC) issued a press release rejecting the dissolution of the JBC (see Exhibit II)

Prior to the September actions by both Tribes, activities on the Reservation were governed by a Joint Business Council (JBC) comprised of individual ESBC and NABC Business Council members. The JBC worked in partnership with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in matters of Trust and Fiduciary responsibilities; and with each other in matters that affected the Tribes individually or jointly.

DTE understands that any entity proposing a project on the Reservation, that affects or benefits one Tribe or both Tribes, must now seek approval and resolution from each Tribe's Business Council separately. What is unclear at this time is the role the BIA and/or each Tribe (individually) may have in granting utility rights of way or licenses.

There may be additional challenges working with each Tribe individually, but DTE remains committed to working with both Tribes to expand access to broadband services.

Routine Activity

- Meeting with Shoshone and Arapaho attorneys to discuss rights of way, licenses, permits and fee options. Provided a review of how telecoms use fiber and broadband loop carrier technology to provide broadband services to rural customers.
- Continue courtesy communications with Adam Patrick Lawson, GM of Wind River Internet, a Northern Arapaho Tribal Industries (NATI) company that provides last mile wireless broadband to businesses and residents of the Wind River Indian Reservation (WRIR).
 - Shared census block information and rural cost estimates to aid a NATI proposal in response to the FCC broadband experiments notice.
 - Available to share information about existing facilities on Reservation that may be useful as NATI explores the option of creating their own broadband and telecommunications company.
- Meetings and conversation with John Brown, new IT manager for Shoshone Tribe. Provide background of Range Family facilities and services on the Reservation available to assist with Shoshone Tribal technology plans.

Routine Activity (cont)

- Continued courtesy visits with Brett White, Executive Director of the Wind River Development Fund (WRDF). Discussions about Tribal Cloud initiatives, Distance Education (higher learning) for Tribal members, WRDF developed business management software. (*Note: Brett White left WRDF late 2014. Cy Lee is current Director*)
 - DTE's IT Manager occasionally volunteers at WRDF's Maker Space 307 and teaches basic electronics courses for the Wind River Institute
- Continue courtesy meetings and updates with IT managers for Wind River Indian/Ethete Middle School, Fort Washakie Elementary School and Arapahoe School to discuss additional bandwidth needs, help relocate/repair fiber facilities and provide engineering advice for pending new schools construction.
 - Facilitated major reroute of temporary fiber services and placement of permanent fiber facilities for new Fort Washakie school construction
 - Assisted with reroutes and assorted technology issues for Ethete Middle School and Wyoming Indian High School
 - Provide maintenance and repair of school owned fiber from Wyoming Indian HS to Wyoming Indian Elementary
- Courtesy and Engineering visits to Ft Washakie (working with ACT) to advise and design service options for Shoshone Tribal Credit Union, Tribal Housing, Shoshone Tribe Clinic, Tribal law enforcement, Wind River Dialysis center, Morning Star Care Manor, Child Support Services, Hines store and shops, Central Bank & Trust-Fort Washakie Branch. Provided recommendations and alternatives that could save on construction costs. Also recommended Tribal entities ask local Wireless company-Wind River Internet for a bid to provide service.
- Testified before the **Wyoming Legislature Select Committee on Tribal Relations** in December about the state of Broadband Connectivity on the Reservation. Also appearing before the committee was Flint Waters, WY State CIO and Dave Johnson with CenturyLink.
 - Last meeting for committee Co-Chairman Representative Patrick Goggles (NAT member), who was retiring
 - Opportunities for quick visits/updates with Tribal members in attendance included: Dean Goggles, Chairman NABC, Darwin St Clair, Chairman ESBC, Gary Collins, NAT Liaison, Leslie Shakespeare, EST Liaison, Clint Wagon, ESBC, Robert Harris, ESBC, Robert Hereford, ESBC.
- Scheduled to testify before the **Wyoming Legislature Select Committee on Tribal Relations** June 11, 2015 about the state of broadband connectivity on the Reservation.
- Provided general DTE staff assistance throughout the period for equipment recommendations and configurations, trouble shooting problems, cost estimates for various planning scenarios.
- DTE Front Office Staff and GM worked with individual Tribal customers served by DTE in the Crowheart area to insure compliance with Lifeline requirements
- TERO assessments current
- TERO License #2014-202 (see Exhibit III) and TERO License #2015-00118 (see Exhibit IV)

Summary

The expansion of fiber optic connectivity, beyond DTE's serving area, and across the Wind River Reservation, to the Range Family fiber network necessitated broader participation and dialogue with the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes. Building trust with the Tribes is a slow and deliberate process. Tribal engagement is a necessary and ongoing process to maintain that trust. In summary, working with the Tribes has created a win-win, for the Reservation, for DTE and for the Range Family of companies.

EXHIBIT I

Northern Arapaho Business Council

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September 9, 2014



Dear Members of the Northern Arapaho Tribe,

The Northern Arapaho Business Council (NABC) today dissolved the Shoshone and Arapaho Joint Business Council (JBC). It is now the policy of the Northern Arapaho Tribe (NAT) to cooperate with the Eastern Shoshone Tribe (EST) through existing committees or other methods.

This is a proud and historic moment for our Tribe. Eliminating the JBC is a big step toward greater self-government and independence, something the NAT has been working toward for many years.

The JBC was never part of our traditional tribal government. It was created by the federal government for its own convenience. Neither Tribe's General Council approved the JBC. For decades, the JBC has hobbled both tribal governments, created barriers to development, and wasted time that could have been spent on Northern Arapaho issues.

Outsiders used the JBC against the Tribes. For example, some federal agencies used the JBC like the federal government once used the historic treaty councils, to restrict the flow of information to tribal leaders and use internal disagreements and other questionable methods to gain advantage over tribes.

The NAT worked patiently to make this broken system to work. But after more than half a century of JBC dysfunction, the NABC voted to move forward as the sovereign government that it is.

Dissolution of the JBC should take no one by surprise. The Tribe moved its headquarters from Ft. Washakie to Ethete in 1989, established its own housing department in 1996, and established gaming and gaming laws separately from the EST. Removing the yoke of the JBC is just the latest step in a long march toward greater independence and self-government.

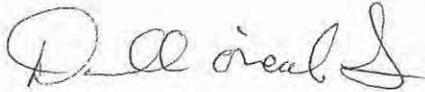
Most tribal members will notice little difference in day-to-day government function, except perhaps quicker responses to homesite lease requests and other matters that frequently got stuck in JBC. Joint tribal programs will function with oversight from joint committees and approval from each Business Council.

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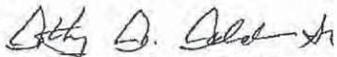
The change will have little impact on federal matters, including the Tribes' application for "Treatment as a State" (TAS) under the Clean Air Act. But perhaps the congressional delegation will stop asking, "Where is the JBC?" when Northern Arapaho leaders request a meeting in private.

Ultimately, the dissolution of JBC will send a powerful message of tribal sovereignty to the federal and state governments. It will improve our chances of success in the future. This is an important moment in Northern Arapaho history. It is a time to celebrate, and to honor the wisdom and hard work of our forebears who made this possible.

Sincerely,



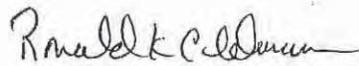
Darrell O'Neal, Sr., Chairman



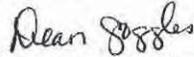
Anthony Addison, Sr., Member



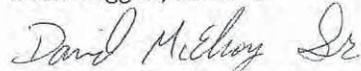
Willard Gould, Member



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Dean Goggles, Member



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Eastern Shoshone Tribe Rejects Risky Arapaho Plan

Fort Washakie, WY - September, 29 2014 – Earlier this month the Northern Arapaho Tribe (NAT) announced their resignation from the Shoshone and Arapaho Joint Business Council (JBC), a move that relinquished their management authority of joint resources to the Eastern Shoshone Tribe (EST), and affected the Shoshone Tribe's Sovereign and treaty right to manage Joint resources.

EST received and rejected a proposition from the Northern Arapaho Business Council (NABC) to join NABC in issuing separate Tribal resolutions to approve Joint Business Council actions, without discussion or any communication between the two Tribes. After The Northern Arapaho Tribe abandoned the JBC process over two weeks ago, Eastern Shoshone issued a letter to Northern Arapaho and federal funding partners that EST does not consent to altering the joint-process for JBC actions and doesn't recognize the NAT's proposal for management decisions on joint issues.

"The Shoshone Tribe will decide how and when we make decisions regarding our Sovereignty, Treaty and Reservation interests and we agreed to do that with NAT in the JBC process. Both our predecessors agreed to and operated JBC for over seventy-five years. Now that NAT backed away from their responsibilities, we have no choice but to protect the Eastern Shoshone's interests from waste, fraud, abuse. We will take all necessary steps to preserve our Sovereignty, Treaty Rights, investments, operations and structures," said Shoshone Business Council Chairman Darwin St. Clair Jr. "Our view is the Joint Business Council never was a Joint Powers Board as referred to by the NABC. There is a history of legislative and Sovereign protection that have benefited all tribal members and upheld land, water and air issues that are important to not only Wind River but Indian Country."

EST's concern focuses on the absolute absence of productive and thoughtful planning that the Tribes would need to alter their current structure and still effectively manage joint assets and resources because there are implications across the board. The Eastern Shoshone call NAT's actions ill-conceived and ill-timed, but also contradictory in nature. "NABC announced this 'historic' change and then in the same breath said nothing changes at all," expressed Chairman St. Clair.

Because of the complete lack of communication from NAT and choice to forego government-to-government discussions, EST responds that from what it can gather from NAT's various media releases and the single-page letter SBC received, the Arapaho-proposed changes fail to protect EST's joint resources and interests. "If the Northern Arapaho choose to hire non-

Indians to make decisions for their Tribal Council, that's an internal issue for their government. However, the Shoshones will only make decisions regarding its mutual resources on a government-to-government basis. If the management group Arapaho hires is authorized to bind the Arapaho Tribe in JBC, that's NABC's decision," says SBC Co-Chairman Clinton Wagon. "This process they talk about is barely a plan and it offers no protection to the Eastern Shoshone Tribe."

Because the two Tribes must agree to change their decision making process, and because the NAT resigned from participating in JBC without any formal change, the Eastern Shoshone will maintain the JBC and provide direction, oversight and control over all JBC programs until the Eastern Shoshone Tribe agrees to make any changes.

The Eastern Shoshone Tribe is a federally recognized Tribe and Treaty Tribe of the 1868 Fort Bridger Treaty establishing the Wind River Reservation.

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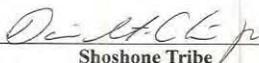
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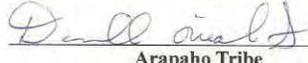

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Exhibit III



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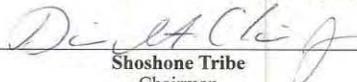
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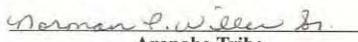

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Exhibit IV